

unmatched-- between "all" and "license" in both these lines.

On page 10, line 12 of the specification as originally filed, please replace "is a short period" with --in a certain period (of a length related to the time between implementations of the third substep to step 800 above) which may also be short--.

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 14, please replace "within" with --after--.

In claim 3, line 22, please replace "within" with --after--.

In claim 6, line 10, please replace "within" with --after--.

In claim 7, line 16 of the Examiner's amendment, please replace "predetermined" with the word --certain--.

REMARKS

The amendment with respect to claim 7 serves to avoid referring to two different amounts of time using the same term "predetermined". The substitution of the term "certain" indicates that these are different time periods, the first, "predetermined" time period being the time associated with each data entry representing the minimum age that an entry may take on prior to deletion (in other words, the minimum age after which deletion may take place), and the "certain" time referring to a maximum time period in which it is certain that unmatched data will be deleted. Logically, this maximum limit could not exceed the time between three scanning steps. This follows because as the database is scanned, only that data which is at least a predetermined age and unmatched is deleted. The data that is not deleted already has an age which can be essentially as old, at the maximum limit, as the predetermined time. After another implementation of the method, when the database is scanned again, the unmatched data which was not old enough to be deleted in the first pass is now essentially, as a minimum, an age just exceeding the time lapsed from the last scan to a maximum age which, essentially equals the sum of the two time spans between the three scanning steps. Further, this "certain" time *within* which deletion